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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Appln. No.: 09/829,913) Group Art Unit: 2872
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Introductory Comments

In response to the April 29, 2004 final Official Action, please amend the
above-referenced application as follows: